

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2001 6:30 PM

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 PM at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices at 717 W. Main Street, Arlington, Texas on November 12, 2001, notice of said meeting being posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, with the following members present, to wit:

Members			Term Expires
Mr. Bob Korman	Chair	Place 7	June 2003
Mrs. Anne Weydeck	Vice-Chair	Place 10	June 2002
Ms. Carrie Donovan	Member	Place 1	June 2003
Ms. H. Suzanne Kelley	Member	Place 2	June 2002 - Absent
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 3	June 2003
Mr. Alvin Warren	Member	Place 4	June 2002 - Absent
Mr. Jason Williams	Member	Place 5	June 2003
Mr. Charley Amos	Member	Place 6	June 2002
Mr. Joe Sarabia	Member	Place 8	June 2002
Mr. Nicholas Stoneman	Member	Place 9	June 2003
Ms. Candace Halliburton	Member	Place 11	June 2003
Ms. Bianca Davenport	Youth Member	Place 12	June 2002

Staff:

Pete Jamieson	Director of Parks and Recreation
Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director-Park Programs
Ruth F. Keith	Administrative Secretary
Jennifer Fadden	Administrative Services Manager
Bruce Frantz	Assistant Director-Park Operations
Gordon Robertson	Assistant Director-Park Planning
John Fain	Senior Park Planner
Jo Anne Smith	Park Facilities Coordinator

Also in attendance was Charles Peeler, Planning and Zoning Commission member.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Korman called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 8, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Member Anne Weydeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2001 meeting. Member Charley Amos seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Items from Citizens (about Items for Action)

Ms. Lori Shephard, representing the Southwest Sector (SWAT), requested and encouraged the Board to support an ordinance relating to the requirement of buffers adjacent to City parks. Ms. Shephard specifically requested that consideration be given for an ordinance with the intent of protecting property at the Tierra Verde Golf Club.

B. Items for Action

1. **PARK USE PERMITS:** The Board considered and approved 5 permit requests. Member Amos made a motion to approve the park use permits without exception. Member Weydeck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **SENER PARK OPTIMIST AGREEMENT-** Jennifer Fadden, Administrative Services Manager, requested the Board's review and endorsement of an extension to the lease agreement with the Optimist Club of Arlington for the use of Senter Park. Ms. Fadden stated the club currently has an agreement with the City for use of a certain portion of Senter Park for a Pee Wee baseball program that expires May 8, 2009, and is now seeking an additional 10-year extension to the agreement. After the Board's review and action, Ms. Fadden advised that this request would be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for action.

Member Carrie Donovan made a motion to approve the lease extension request. Member Weydeck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Sue Phillips arrived at the meeting, the time being 6:38 p.m.

3. **TIERRA VERDE ZONING CASE** - Mr. John Fain, Senior Park Planner, requested the Board's input and endorsement of staff comments related to a proposed zoning change. The current application, case Z01-60, requests a zoning change for property immediately south of the Tierra Verde Golf Club from "A" (agriculture) to "PD" (planned development) for a residential subdivision. Mr. Fain stated that on December 5th, the Planning and Zoning Commission will review a proposal to rezone the site from "A" to "PD" and if approved, the site will be developed into 7200 square foot lots. Mr. Fain explained that the Parks Department has asked that development be limited to estate zoning, or minimum 10,000 square foot lots which will preserve more native vegetation and open space.

After discussion, Member Phillips made a motion to endorse the staff comments related to the proposed zoning change at Tierra Verde Golf Club. Member Jason Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHEDULED INFORMATION REPORTS

Mr. Jamieson introduced Mr. Gordon Robertson to the Board. Mr. Robertson is the Assistant Director of Park Planning for the Parks and Recreation Department.

- A. **Planning Work Plan Report** – Mr. Jamieson advised the Board that the bids came in higher than the Council authorized amount of \$700,000 to construct a shallow-water play pool at Howard Moore Park. Mr. Jamieson stated the apparent low bid came in at \$829,700 and stated it was doubtful the pool would open in the Spring 2002. Mr. Jamieson told the Board that staff would try to identify the components driving the high cost and discuss with the neighborhood representatives this week.

Member Williams inquired when the Senior Recreation Center-Eunice would be open for business. Mr. Jamieson said construction is complete and staff is currently moving in the building. Mr. Jamieson advised that a dedication date is scheduled in December.

B. **Customer Service Report- October 2001** – No discussion.

C. **Monthly Calendar of Activities for November 2001** - No discussion.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning and Policies – Member Stoneman reported this committee met October 18th and will soon be drafting a mission statement.
- B. Acquisition and Development – Member Williams stated this committee will meet in mid-January 2002.
- C. Operations and Maintenance – Member Amos stated this committee will meet in mid-January 2002.
- D. Training and Development – In Member Kelley's absence, Mr. Korman said this committee met October 27th and he discussed a "draft" of the results. This committee will develop and implement plans for the ongoing training and development of Board members to include creating the necessary training aids which, as a minimum, shall include orientations, retreats and tours of appropriate facilities. Also, some progress was made in the development of an Orientation Manual. Mr. Korman stated this committee's next meeting date is November 17, 2001.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- A. **Announcements** - Chairman Korman stated the Park Board meeting scheduled for December 10th is cancelled. (A cancellation Notice of Public Meetings will be posted).

Member Weydeck invited the Board members, Parks staff and their spouse or guest to attend a Holiday Soirre at her home on December 10th.

- B. **Requests for Future Agenda Items** – No discussion.

- C. **Smoke Free Environment at Harold Patterson Sports Center** – Member Nick Stoneman requested the Board to consider restricting smoking at the Harold Patterson Sports Center. Mr. Stoneman believes it would set a better example for the youth participating on the fields to prohibit smoking in the bleachers during games.

Member Phillips suggested providing a designated smoking area at the fields.

Member Weydeck requested staff to see what other cities are doing regarding this issue.

Member Donovan requested staff to discuss this with the Arlington Soccer Association, Youth Sports Committee and other youth sports groups for their suggestions and recommendations.

Member Korman suggested we could possibly do some type of public education much like the "Pooper Scooper" issue was done.

Member Halliburton said she feels smoking at the youth fields is more of a moral issue than a health issue.

Member Amos stated he believes lighted cigarette butts on or near playing fields are to be considered a safety hazard.

Mr. Jamieson stated he would research this issue, discuss with the City Attorney's Office and report back to the Board at a later meeting.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS (about non-agenda items) -

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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